

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of special meeting of the Falkirk Local Licensing Forum held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Forum members Gordon Emslie (Trade); Madelene Hunt (Public); Aileen Holliday (Health); John Hamilton (Trade), Andrew Kane (Public); Michael Kleist (Public); Ian Lovie (Trade); Sergeant Claire Mackenzie (Police Scotland); Ruth McDonald (Health), and Mark Stevenson (Trade).

Apologies Amanda Campbell (Education), Carol Carmichael (Public); David Gibson (Social Work); Thomas Ross (LSO), and Lindsey Sabin (Public).

Chair: Gordon Emslie.

Also present Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer, and Sergeant Andy Angus, Police Scotland.

1. Minutes

The Forum:-

- (a) **approved** the minute of meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 13 February 2018, and
- (b) **agreed** the note of meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 26 April 2018.

2. Matters Arising from Minute

There were no matters arising.

3. Proposed Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy – Festive Trading Consultation

Due to the Licensing Forum meeting on 26 April 2018 being inquorate, the convener had called a special meeting to give members of the Licensing Forum (1) an opportunity to discuss the Festive Trading Consultation document, and (2) that the Forum's draft response be formalised, and thereafter submitted to the licensing section.

Members discussed the draft consultation at length and noted that all responses required to be submitted to the Licensing Section by 9 May 2018.

After discussion, the Licensing Forum agreed that the convener, on behalf of the Forum, draft a response incorporating the following:-

- that the policy be reviewed on an annual basis to establish any impact the proposed new policy had on the licensed trade, Police Scotland and the community
- clarification on how hybrid premises would be affected with the introduction of the new policy
- ways to ensure that data can be captured to help assist Police Scotland and the licensing section as to which premises will open for extended hours on what dates, prior to the festive policy coming into effect
- clarification if the proposed festive policy is only applicable to those premises who have seasonal variations in their current operating plan
- guidance for Members' Clubs events as "open" events would require an occasional licence application to be submitted
- reference to the Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 – how would this be dealt with if the proposed terminal hour is 0200 hrs
- confirmation on the start date for the proposed festive policy
- how the proposed festive policy would be managed
- the proposed blanket extension does now allow for objections to be submitted by residents etc due to no applications being required, therefore no duty to advertise any proposed extended hours

The Forum further agreed that the draft response be circulated to members, with any comments being emailed to the convener by the deadline of 9 May. The convener would then arrange to submit the formalised Licensing Forum's response to the consultation within the deadline.

4. Any Other Competent Business

Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) Legislation

A short discussion took place on the legislation, but as this had come into force the previous week, it was too early to assess its impact.